

SEMINOLE TRACKS

EISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT NATURAL LANDS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

Our Centennial History Hike at Lake Harney Wilderness Area was a Great Success!!!



As part of our Centennial Celebration, Greenways and Natural Lands lead a FREE History Hike at the Lake Harney Wilderness Area on March 16th. Jim Duby, Program Manager for Natural Lands, lead the hike and spotted some local wildlife along the way.

When they reached the river, our local historian, Mal Martin, gave a

brief talk on the history of Geneva.



The weather was beautiful and everyone had a wonderful time! A special thank you to Mal for sharing his knowledge and passion with the group!



We enhance the quality of life for citizens and visitors by providing excellent parks, recreation, greenways, natural lands and preservation of heritage for present and future generations.

Visit the Natural Lands Web site www.seminolecountyfl.gov/natland





Seminole County Guided Hikes



Lead by the Natural Lands Program on some of our beautiful wilderness areas.

space is limited, please register in advance,. Children must be at least 7 years of age and accompanied by an adult.

(*please note: the Swamp Walk is a morning hike)

Cost: \$3 per person. Pre-registration is required for all hikes, space is limited.

Register at any active park (Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, or Sylvan Lake Park)

April 6 **Nocturnal Animals** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ Chuluota Wilderness Area April 27 *Swamp Walk 8:00 a.m-10:00a.m @ Spring Hammock Preserve @ Geneva Wilderness Area May 4 Frog Hop Hike 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. May 18 **Nocturnal Animals** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ Lake Harney Wilderness Area June 1 Herp (Reptiles) Hike 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ Lake Proctor Wilderness Area **Nocturnal Animals** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. June 15 @ Chuluota Wilderness Area

For more information call (407) 349-0959

Wilderness Area Property Addresses

Geneva, 3485 N. County Road 426, Geneva 32732 **Chuluota**, 3895 Curryville Rd, Chuluota 32766

Spring Hammock Preserve, 2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood 32750

Lake Harney, 2395 Osceola Fish Camp Rd, Geneva 32732

Lake Proctor, 920 E. SR 46, Geneva 32732

Black Bear, 5298 Michigan Ave, Sanford, FL 32771 **Black Hammock**, 3276 Howard Ave, Oviedo, FL 32765 **Econ River**, 3795 Old Lockwood Rd, Oviedo, FL 32765 **Lake Jesup**, 5951 Sanford Ave, Sanford, FL 32773





Special Events

Wildlife Appreciation Day May 18th

9 am. to Noon Geneva Wilderness Area, Ed Yarborough



Nature Center 3485 N. County Road 426 Geneva, FL 32732



Come join the Wildlife and get up close and personal with one of our native snakes or talk to a turtle! Talk to the experts about the many critters that share our County.

Exhibitors:

Back to Nature Wildlife Refuge * Central Florida Zoo *
Florida Native Plant Society * Florida Wildlife
Conservation * Florida Yards & Neighbors * Organic
Sanctuary * Seminole Audubon Society *
Seminole County Animal Services

FREE Guided Nature Hike @ 9:00am.
For more information call 407.349.0959

Swamp Walk

Join Seminole County Natural Lands
April 27, 8-10 a.m.
at Spring Hammock Preserve,

2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood, FL 32750

Your guide will take you through thick, deep mud to explore the beauty of the hydric hammock. This is a hike that's lots of fun for the entire family!

<u>Children must have completed 5th grade and be</u> <u>accompanied by an adult</u>

Pre-registration required. Only 25 spaces available.
Register at any active park (Sylvan Lake Park, Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park. (Park Hours: 8am-10pm Mon-Fri, 8am-8pm Sat-Sun)

\$3 per person

Youth Programs



*Birthday Parties at the Ed Yarborough
Nature Center in Geneva

*Scouting Programs/Hikes
*Public and Private School field trips
*Eco Programs at your school/classroom
*Private day and night hikes for groups of 15-25

Call (407)349-0959 for more information!

Summer Eco Adventure Camp!

Where: Ed Yarborough Nature Center, Geneva **Times:** 9:00am-4:00pm (extended day available)

Ages: 7-12

Cost: \$132/wk (extended day additional \$15/wk)

June 3-7 Animals Everywhere
June 10-14 Surviving in Nature
June 17-21 Nature CSI

June 24-28 Water Week
July 8-12 Hidden Gems
July 15-19 Planet Patrols
July 22-26 Nature Hunters
July 29-Aug 2 Creepy Crawlers

For more information go to:

www.seminolecountyfl.gov/parksrec/naturallands

or call 407-349-0959

Nature Classes

Snakes of Florida

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center, Geneva, FL

Date/Time: May 11th, 9:00am-12noon

Cost: \$5 per person

Join a local snake expert as he gives an introduction to and dispels some of the myths about these often misunderstood cold blooded residents! Open to ages 7 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult

*Pre-registration is required.

Amphibian Class

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center, Geneva, FL

Date/Time: June 22, 9:00am-12noon

Cost: \$5 per person

Frogs, Salamanders, sirens, oh my!!! What is an Amphibian? Will I get warts if I touch a frog? Why do amphibians have slimy skin? What's the largest amphibian? Come learn the answers to these and other questions about these amazing creatures. Join the Seminole County Natural Land Program to learn about these amazing creatures and their double lives. Children must be accompanied by an adult

*Pre-registration is required for all of our classes. You may register at any active park (Red Bug Lake Park, Sylvan Lake Park, Sanlando Park). Park Hours:

8:00am-10:00pm Monday thru Friday, 8:00am-8:00pm Saturday & Sunday